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Applicant: Randall W. Nelson et al.

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Title: MASS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to May 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 28 of this paper.